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Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners,

The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will be good for Vermont and the nation and that is why UA Local 693 Plumbers and Pipefitters support it.

As a rural state, there are many parts of Vermont that do not have access to high-speed broadband. Vermont deserves the same type of high-speed mobile coverage that is available in major urban centers. After this merger, AT&T has said that broadband coverage will reach more than 97% of all Americans. That is great news for Vermont and the country.

The merger will also benefit our working families. AT&T is a company that respects the rights of workers to choose representation in the workplace without interference. On the other hand, T-Mobile has a history of intimidation and interference toward workers who try to exercise their voice in the workplace. By extending this opportunity to organize to 20,000 T-Mobile employees, this merger will have significant benefits for working families in Vermont and the nation.

Finally, this merger will result in an additional \$8 billion in investment as AT&T expands its network, resulting in job creation and economic development. During these difficult economic times, an infrastructure upgrade on that scale without public spending is an opportunity we must embrace.

On behalf of UA Local 693 Plumbers and Pipefitters, please take these arguments into consideration and support the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Potvin, Business Manager
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